

# Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

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Ex Parte Filing  
Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 2055

Dear *Ms. Dortch*,

My name is Matt Reed. I serve as the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) and as a Chief on the Nasharo Council of the Pawnee Nation. I just recently took the position of THPO in August 2018 after working as a Museum Curator for Oklahoma Historical Society for 18 years. I am glad to be able to help my tribe with my years of experience as a professional historian and with my M.A. in Applied History. I feel confident in the organization and professionalism that I bring to my office and to my dealings with Section 106 submissions, the FCC TCNS process among those.

I am writing to you to voice the concerns of myself and the Pawnee Nation regarding the recent proposed rule change by the FCC. We strongly feel that this occurred without proper tribal consultation established through decades of government-to-government relationship between the Pawnee Nation and the United States. We believe that this will irreparably damage the meaning of 'Federal Undertaking' in future US government projects, that it will provide a blue print for other federal agencies to initiate evasion and/or avoidance of their requirements to the National Environmental Policy Act, and has the potential to permanently cause irreparable loss and damage to sites of historic and cultural value to the Pawnee Nation and the United States.

The Pawnee Nation is not opposed to technological progress and the creation of infrastructure to support that progress, but we do place a great amount of respect on our nation's sovereignty and historic and cultural preservation. We hope that the United States government will respect these in a similar manner.

Sincerely,

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Senator Tom Udall  
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